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NODIS CHEROKEE

FROM AMBASSADOR IN ALEXANDRIA

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV XF US
SUBJECT: LONDON MIDDLE EAST TALKS AND RELATED MATTERS

REF: STATE 167142

1. REFTEL HAS BEEN REPEATED TO ME IN ALEXANDRIA.
2. FONMIN KAMEL HAS HIS HANDS FULL TODAY AND TOMORROW WITH ARAB LEAGUE MEETING IN CAIRO. HE DOES NOT EXPECT COME TO ALEXANDRIA UNTIL MONDAY, ASSUMING AL SESSION HAS ENDED BY THEN. HAVE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 1730 TOMORROW, SUNDAY, WITH VP MUBARAK AT DUKHAILA AIR BASE AT WHICH I WILL SEEK OBTAIN EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT TO EARLY APPROACH BY US TO JORDANIANS AND SAUDIS. WILL INFORM AMBASSADOR WEST AND CHARGE SUDDARTH SOON AS I HAVE CLEARANCE.

3. RE PARA 3 REFTEL, I HAVE NOT SPOKEN TO KAMEL ABOUT HIS PRESS STATEMENT, BUT I RECOMMEND WE NOT TAKE TOO LITERALLY WHAT HE SAYS TO PRESS THESE DAYS. IF ISRAELIS DO NOT REJECT EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL OUTRIGHT,

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THIS WOULD BE ALL TO THE GOOD. IT WOULD ENCOURAGE KAMEL TO APPROACH THE LONDON MEETING IN MORE POSITIVE FRAME OF MIND THAN IS CURRENTLY THE CASE. I WILL RECONFIRM THIS WITH KAMEL THE NEXT TIME I SEE HIM, BUT I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN GO AHEAD ALONG LINES PREVIOUSLY REPORTED REGARDLESS OF ISRAELI REACTION TO EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL.

4. PROPOSED SEQUENCE OF ACTIONS BEGINNING WITH TRANSMISSION TO ISRAELIS ON JULY 3 OF EGYPTIAN COUNTER-PROPOSAL, IS CONSISTENT WITH KAMEL'S THINKING WITH ONE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION. KAMEL HAD EARLIER TOLD ME THAT GOE WILL WANT "DAY OR SO" AFTER PRESIDENT CARTER'S INVITATION IS RECEIVED BEFORE IT GIVES ITS REPLY. EGYPTIANS DO NOT WISH TO GIVE IMPRESSION THAT THEY ARE WAITING WITH BATED BREATH TO GO TO SUCH A MEETING, HENCE THEIR DESIRE WAIT A DAY OR TWO BEFORE REPLYING. OUR ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD CLEARLY NOT BE MADE UNTIL AFTER EGYPTIAN REPLY IS RECEIVED. THIS MIGHT BE JULY 9 OR 10, WITH ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWING IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARD.

5. I WILL CHECK WITH KAMEL AS SOON AS I CAN WHETHER EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL IN CAIRO 15183 IF FINAL TEXT. FROM MY RECENT TALKS WITH KAMEL, THERE IS NO RPT NO SUGGESTION THAT EGYPTIANS ARE PLANNING ADDITIONS.

6. DEPARTMENT PASS JERUSALEM, TEL AVIV, AMMAN, JIDDA. HAVE RECEIVED STATE 167916, BUT INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED THEREIN DO NOT APPEAR APPLICABLE TO THIS MESSAGE SINCE IT IS REPLYING TO A CHEROKEE COMMUNICATION (REFTEL). IT WOULD FACILITATE LATERAL TRANSMISSION IF INSTRUCTIONS SUCH AS THOSE CONTAINED REFTEL WERE SENT AS NODIS. MCCLELLAND
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